

# Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

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May 17, 2010

## **Board of Health**

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Rick Tsoumas, Chairman  
Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Vice-Chair  
Kathy Foerster  
Samantha Pearl  
Ken Ponds

## **Health Department**

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Jennifer Cook  
John Eva  
Paul Makoski  
James Rutherford  
Cindy Southwick

## **Absent**

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Lisa Gerow, Commissioner

## **County Administration**

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Richard Lindsay, County Legal Counsel  
Kelli Scott, County Administrator

## **Other**

James Coury, Conservation  
District/Kalamazoo Watershed Council  
Christine Kosmowski, Environmental  
Program Coordinator, City of Battle Creek  
Cheryl Vosburg, Environmental Program  
Coordinator, City of Marshall  
Elizabeth Willis, Battle Creek Enquirer

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Tsoumas called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

## **Consent Agenda**

Ponds motioned for approval of agenda, Karamchandani seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.  
Karamchandani motioned for approval of April 2010 minutes. Ponds seconded. All in favor.  
Motion passed.

Foerster motioned to move into the Public Hearing. Karamchandani seconded. All in favor.  
Motion passed. Public Hearing formally opened at 8:15 am.

Richard Lindsay, County Legal Counsel clarified the change in the Lawn Fertilizer Regulation. An amendment was prepared to Page 4, Sect 11 of the Regulation stating: "If testing indicates that phosphorus is present in manufactured fertilizer thereby making the Applicator subject to a citation under Section 11 of this Regulation, it shall be an affirmative defense if the Applicator can prove that the manufactured fertilizer in question was labeled as containing zero percent (0%) phosphorus and the Applicator had no knowledge that phosphorus was in fact present in the manufactured fertilizer. In Section 13, on Page 5 the effective date changed to September 1, 2010."

Bob Coward, a landscaping consultant and host of WBCK's The Garden show, expressed his concerns with the lawn regulation. Some of these concerns included: The Regulation is still in violation of state and federal policies. However, he is in favor with the amendment to the Regulation.

James Coury, Conservation District/Kalamazoo Watershed Council also commented in favor of the amended Regulation. Rutherford stated the Regulation is more of an educational program and is content that common ground was found, and appreciated the input of comments.

Ponds motioned to close Public Hearing. Karamchandani seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Public Hearing closed at 8:30 am.

Foerster motioned for recommendation of approval for amended Lawn Fertilizer Regulation. Pearl seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Recommendation for approval of amended Lawn Fertilizer Regulation will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the June 3 meeting.

### **Financial Report**

Eva presented the financial report. Approximately 8% of the variance between budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures is due to the non-financial activity in the Senior Millage Vision (2592), Senior Millage Hearing (2593), Teen Outreach (2595), Nurse Family Partnership (2604), Household Hazardous Waste (2606), and Healthy Lifestyles & Health Disparities (2635) programs. **Credit Card Acceptance**-CCPHD clients have been utilizing the ability to pay with credit cards (approximately \$22,000 to-date: 75% in the EH area and 25% in the clinic area).

The Budget Committee had their first meeting. Next budget meeting will discuss overall assumptions, inflationary increases, and early retirement package.

### **Presentation**

Makoski presented the *Journey to Health*: A comprehensive community-based healthy lifestyles plan program that CCPHD along with the Regional Health Alliance Choose Health committee are excited to begin showcasing. *Journey to Health* is the framework of an extensive community-wide plan involving the following components:

- Food Safety and Education
- Physical Activity
- Community Design
- Disease and Illness Prevention

Question was raised as to the spiritual component to healthiness and how we could include this in the *Journey to Health* and recommend inclusion of the spiritual component. Suggestions made included the involvement of local church entities. The Health Department will be the driving entity. The primary goal is to have one entity take ownership of the plan.

### **Health Officer Report**

Rutherford presented the Health Officer report to the Board. This report included:

- Disparity Initiative: CCPHD and the Minority Health Partnership have decided to collaborate and use a portion of the Michigan Department of Community Health

(MDCH) Division of Health, Wellness and Disease Control Health Disparities Reduction/Minority Health grant monies to partner in hiring a Minority Health Partnership (MHP) program coordinator that will not only provide oversight and implementation of the grant; but also help coordinate and implement the evolving strategic plan the MHP continues to work on. CCPHD recently received the requested proposal from the National Resource Center for Racial Healing Center for a two-day training professional development session provided by their staff. The Battle Creek Community Foundation (BCCF) has indicated they would fund \$10,000.00 of the training and the health department would fund the remaining \$5,000.00.

- Michigan Smoke Free Law Implementation: Went into effect on May 1, 2010. Very few complaints have come through, and it appears that the law has not had a negative impact on the bars and restaurants in Calhoun County.
- School Nurse Program: A PowerPoint presentation was developed that discusses the significant proposed enhancements to the current School Nurse program in Calhoun County. This was presented to the Smart School conference in Dearborn. Representatives from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) were excited about the proposed model and may be a source of potential pilot program funding. This program will be presented at the June Board of Health meeting.
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention: CCPHD was contacted by the MDCH with notice that Calhoun County has been selected along with Muskegon County and the city of Detroit as communities that are being asked to collaborate on a large, (\$2 million dollar) grant. If awarded, Calhoun County could receive approximately \$500,000 over three years to be used on evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programs.
- Calhoun County Drug Prescription Assistance Program: The program is funded by pharmaceutical companies and is available to all Calhoun County residents. It will help uninsured and underinsured residents of the county afford their prescription medications. In addition, residents will have the ability to download this free card, as well as, search drug discounts and locate participating pharmacies at [www.calhouncountymi.gov](http://www.calhouncountymi.gov)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.